

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's Bennetts End

	Today Sun 17 May	Next week Sun 24 May	Diary for this week (from 18 May)
10.00am	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	
Presiding	James McDonald	Richard Howlett	
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	MONDAY
1st Reading	Kings Langley folk	Tyler Leyman	TUESDAY
2nd Reading		Sylvia Low	WEDNESDAY
Intercessions		Fiona Shirley	4.30pm Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
Music		Melanie Henley on flute	THURSDAY
Sunday School		Peter plus others	09.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	10.15am Study group via Zoom
3.00pm	No service	Messy Church via Zoom	8.00pm Study Group via Zoom
			FRIDAY
			SATURDAY
			10.00am Community Café via Zoom

<p>St B's Collect for Growth Dear God, fill our hearts with your love and the glow of your Holy Spirit. Grow this church family within our community and let your good news spread. Amen.</p>	<p>St M's Collect for Growth Dear Lord, please help us grow St Mary's Church. As we grow in love of you, draw new people week by week into this church family. May we show your love to all, within and beyond our walls. In Jesus' name. Amen</p>
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Notices

To include a notice, event or people for prayer in this bulletin email stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Friday

While our 2 churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, **we are trying a combination bulletin**. Please all feel free to send in information, dates, notices etc. The more we're sent, the more useful it will be!

Rather than printing out the Order of Service each week, we recommend that you have it open on your device as well as Zoom and swap between the two windows as needed.

Logon details for the Zoom events can be found in the calendar on the St Mary's page of the benefice website. There is also a link to the Order of Service on Sundays in the same place. YouTube events can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ydl8cv>

Further Dates for your diary:

- 23 May 10.15am Bible Readers' Workshop
- 30 May Day of Prayer (Thy Kingdom Come) via Zoom: see vicar's newsletter.
- 6 June 10.15am Intercessors' Workshop

The Deanery Ascension Day service next Thursday, 21st May at 8pm will be available on Holy Trinity's YouTube channel, at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_p_VaChxTLXIT4EezDLIQ
An order of service will be made available before then.

We are **sad to announce that we are losing Revd Maxine Howarth**, who has been serving as training curate in the Team, based at Holy Trinity church. It has been decided that Maxine will be continuing her curacy in another parish as part of her training.
We all wish her well and send our prayers for the next step for Maxine and her family.

Normally St M's would have had a special event to mark **Christian Aid Week** at Saturday Café. However due to the current restrictions that are in place this will be held later on in the year. **You can however give a donation now** towards the very important work that this organisation does:
Please contact Rosemary Bladon on either 01442 257108 or email Bladon2010@btinternet.com and she will arrange to deliver you an envelope to put your donation in (either cash or cheque). Many thanks, Rosemary.

Today is the last day for submission of articles to Jean & Mike Chrisp for the **June Benefice Newsletter**. Please send contributions to them at mikeandjean23@btinternet.com.

Although our churches are closed at the moment, **we still have most of the usual expenses to pay**. If there is any way you could make your usual weekly offering electronically or by cheque, please contact:
St M's Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or bladon2010@btinternet.com or St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com

Janet Wright 16-May-20

A reading from the first letter of Peter

3 : 13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

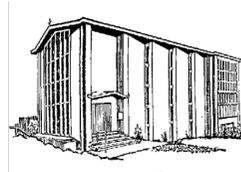
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14: 15-21 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

*This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings to study at your leisure, is for you to take home.
Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.
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The Benefice of Langelei



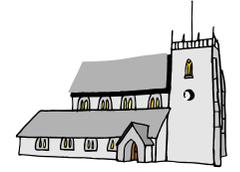
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2020

The Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

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**Weekly newsletter from Richard Howlett,
Team Vicar with special responsibility for
St Benedict's, Bennett's End and St
Mary's, Apsley End.**

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Dear Friends

I hope like me you found much to inspire you around the VE day celebrations.

Last week I mentioned Christian Aid. For St Benedict's parish please can you call Alison Murray, church treasurer, (07951 250329) to let her know you will have an envelope (preferably with cheque) either for the Church (collection) or a special donation for Christian Aid. Alison can then coordinate collecting the monies. If folk only have cash, that is fine too as Alison has a paying in book and already has some pledge money to pay in at the Post Office.

For St Mary's please see the details in the bulletin or contact Rosemary Bladon either by phone 01442 257108 or email Bladon2010@btinternet.com

For St Benedict's congregation, I should also like to mention that Revd Lizzie Hood would like to welcome you to worship with Holy Trinity congregation one Sunday, to maintain her link with us. I shall confirm which Sunday is best with Lizzie and we will let you have joining instructions.

I also mentioned preparations are underway for Thy Kingdom Come. As you may know, it runs from Ascension (21 May) to Pentecost (31 May) and I do encourage you to each day pray for 5 people to come to faith. I've known people come to faith after persistent faithful prayer.

Saturday 30th May-is our joint Day of Prayer, and we need to know now of people who will not be able to access resources for the day online. Please let Janet Wright (tel. 07944 203918) know and we'll add your name to the list to get things printed out for you : Morning Prayer (at 9.30am) and Evening Prayer (at 5pm) and materials to enjoy during the course of the day.

Finally, I know it is a strange time not being able to join together as we are used to. Some of you are tuning into radio and TV services, or to other services elsewhere from time to time. Whatever is helping to nurture your faith, please do that. If you can join in online, please join us; it's encouraging to meet and worship together, however differently. There are materials for worshipping at home alone, by the Diocese, and from the Church of England. If you need a printed copy, just ask. There is also, as I've mentioned, the Church of England telephone line 'Daily Hope' to bring music, reflections and worship especially if you cannot access things online? Tel 0800 804 8044 (24 hrs a day)

Katherine and I are on a few days leave-from Thursday 14th to Thursday 21st May.

With our love and prayers

Richard and Katherine